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5 July 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA

ATTENTION: Chief, Special Action Staff, Operations, OSA

SUBJECT: OXCART Operational Summary and Progress  
Report for Period 1 April - 30 June 1968

1. Overflight Summary (PINWHEEL):

a. One A-12 overflight mission was flown during this period. This mission launched from and recovered to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Following is a brief resume of this mission:

(1) [redacted] against North Korea targets of interest. Two passes were accomplished with total flight time of 4:06. [redacted]

[redacted] A total of 15 SAM sites covered; 3 occupied, 1 unoccupied, and 11 identification only. Overall photographic quality for the southern two-fifths of North Korea was fair to poor. This was due in large to haze and scattered clouds which affected approximately 50% of the photography. As it turned out this was the final BLACK SHIELD operational mission.



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3. Redeployment of OXCART Aircraft and Deployed Task Force:

a. Redeployment of OXCART from Kadena began when aircraft 131 departed Kadena on 8 June 1968. This aircraft made a precautionary landing at Wake Island due to a fuel leak in the right engine which was noted by the tanker crew during aerial refueling. On 14 June 1968 aircraft 131 departed Wake Island on a subsonic flight to Hickam, subsequently departed Hickam on 19 June 1968 and was flown supersonic

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The second A-12 aircraft departed Kadena at 2009Z on 9 June 1968 and landed [ ] without incident on 10 June 1968 at 0138Z. The average speed for this flight was [ ] with flight duration of 5:29 hours.

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
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b. The OXCART deployed task force has completed redeployment from Kadena AB 

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4. A-12 Aircraft Storage at Palmdale:

a. Remaining A-12 aircraft were flown to Palmdale and placed in storage between 28 May and 21 June 1968. There are a total of nine A-12 aircraft in storage at Palmdale. This total is made up of one trainer, two test, one Tagboard, and five operational aircraft.



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